



September 2014
Newsletter

Oakton, VA

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Fall Book Sale

Mark your calendars now for our big semi-annual book sale.

Thursday, Oct. 16 -- Saturday, Oct. 18

Our Book Sale Co-chairs have been resting up over the summer, but they are eager as always to begin plans for this sale. They will be requesting your volunteer efforts soon. Please be generous with your time. Many hands make light work!

We think we have a record-breaking supply of fabulous books. Your donations over the summer have been superb. We'll accept books until October 4th. Remember: Good condition, no text books or magazines.

So come join in the fun. Set-up day will be Saturday, October 11. Help us then, or at the sale – and for sure, come to shop!

Scouts to the Rescue !!

Thank you to the Boy Scouts of Troop 1983 for their fabulous assistance at the Spring Book Sale. For the second sale in a row, the boys arrived promptly at 10:00 to help distribute hundreds of boxes of books to the display tables. They also packed and moved the books remaining in the Friends' sorting room. These cheerful, strong fellows are a very welcome shot in the arm to our tired adult volunteers. We love them, and hope they'll return in October. We promise donuts!!



FCPL 75th Anniversary Events at Oakton Library

Two anniversary celebration events will take place at the Library.

On Friday, Sept. 5, "The Mystery of the Hope Diamond" will be presented by Dr. Jeffrey Post, Curator of the Mineral Collection at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

On Monday, Nov. 3 at 2:30 pm, join storyteller Gary Lloyd for Great Books and Great Times – 75 Years at our Library, a walk through the history of the Fairfax County Public Library over the last 75 years with an emphasis on Oakton. Register early to ensure a place - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events. (This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of Oakton Library.)

Phenomenal Book Sorters

As mentioned earlier, we have received outstanding book donations non-stop since March. We could not manage without our amazing team of book sorters, each with their designated day and time slot. Each has given many hours to this effort. Please thank these people when you see them: **Carol Dowd, Willow Martin, Jane Boyers, Lois Beck, Melanie Harp, Kay Laughon, Emilio Jaksetic, Fay Fahs, and Jim and Tooley Milstead.**

The Children's Team at Oakton

- Aliya Parvez

Children's Librarian **Delia Ullberg** and her assistant **Renee Costello** make a great team. Delia has been in the library since February of 2010 and Renee joined us recently in May of this year.



Delia Ullberg and Renee Costello

Renee had started a Duplo program in Chantilly, which was her previous branch. She called it **Duplo Read! Build! Play!** She will be doing a similar Lego Early Literacy program here at Oakton. The idea of the program is to combine Story time with playing with Duplo, in order to enhance learning skills such as phonological and vocabulary building. As the programmer reads the story, the children create toys out of Duplo. The interaction between the children at the program leads to conversation between them and reinforces learning. Oakton Friends purchased the Duplo and Lego kits used for these programs.

Renee started with FCPL as a 12 hour information assistant at Pohick in 2008. After that position was cut, she continued to work at Pohick in the Circulation Department in 2010 for 3 months until the Reduction In Force took place. She came back in 2012 as a part-time Customer Services Assistant at Chantilly. She worked at that branch for a year and a half and was then hired here at Oakton as a Youth Services Assistant in May, 2014.

In addition to the Duplo Read! Build! Play! Program, Renee did a lot of other children's programming at Chantilly, including Yoga story time, preschool, toddler and baby story times.

She also hosted book groups for school age children in grades kindergarten through 6th.

Renee has three children, an 18 year old daughter, a 16 year old daughter and a 11 year old son.

The favorite part of Renee's job is children's programming and interacting with the kids and their caregivers. She strongly believes in the benefits of early literacy and is happy to be able to provide opportunities here at the library. Along with Delia's leadership, she hopes to be able to do more programming in the future. She is looking forward to the onset of the Duplo program in September.

The dynamic duo, Delia and Renee, have worked hard all summer for the **Paws to Read** summer reading program. Delia's "Count the item in the display case" game has been very popular and we are eagerly looking forward to the winner's name to be announced. The Summer Reading finishers are coming into the branch every day to claim their coupon books as reward.

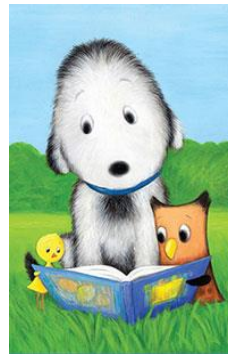
Welcome, Renee, and thank you both for providing a terrific summer for the children of the Oakton community!

Summer Reading Program Results

As this newsletter goes to print, the final results are not yet in. However, the preliminary tally tells what a fantastic summer it was for our children!

At Oakton Library:

- 1,337 logs were distributed to kids aged birth through 6th grade.
- 147 logs were distributed to teens.
- 658 children and 67 teens have completed their logs.
- 743 children entered the Display Case contest, and there is already one correct answer!



If you have a Summer Reading Program coupon book, use your book sale coupon for a discounted purchase at the Oakton Fall Book Sale or the Ongoing Book Sale!



Fall for the Book – 2014

The 16th annual Fall for the Book will take place on Sept. 11-18. For a detailed schedule of events, go to <http://fallforthebook.org/>.

This week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival brings together people of all ages and interests. Events take place at George Mason University's Fairfax Campus, the festival's base, and at other locations throughout Northern Virginia, DC, and Maryland.

This year, one of the events will be held at Oakton Library --

**Memoirist and Science Writer
Lydia Denworth @ Oakton Library
Sep 13 @ 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

When her two-year-old son was diagnosed with a significant and progressive hearing loss, journalist Denworth, a former *Newsweek* reporter and professor of journalism at Fordham University, began her own research into the science of sound, language acquisition, brain plasticity, and deaf culture. The result, *I Can Hear You Whisper: An Intimate Journey through the Science of Sound and Language*, was praised by *People* magazine as "painstakingly researched and emotionally charged."

This event is sponsored by the Friends of Oakton Library. Each year, the Friends makes a donation to Fall for the Book.

To get an early start on your holiday shopping, come to the Fall Book Sale or take advantage of our Ongoing book sale in the lobby any time the library is open.

Donate to the Friends through AmazonSmile ☺

Are you an Amazon shopper? Did you know that many of your Amazon purchases can help your favorite charity?

From Amazon's help page:

"AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice."

"On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<http://smile.amazon.com/>), you are prompted to select a charitable organization from our list of eligible organizations. You can change your selection at any time."

"You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages on smile.amazon.com."

You can choose "Friends of Oakton Library" from the list of charities when you sign up. All of your Amazon user information and preferences will carry over. And remember to bookmark <http://smile.amazon.com/>.

And speaking of Amazon --

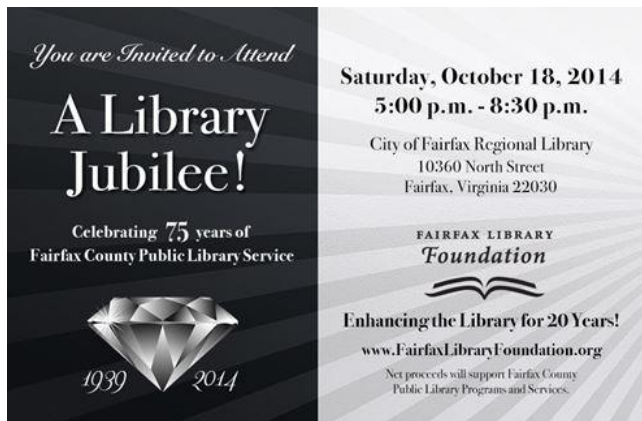
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[Through the Amazon.com Wish List!](#)
It's easy! Just click on this link!**

Quilters Unlimited Donation

We would like to thank the Vienna chapter of Quilters Unlimited for their kind donation to the Friends. The group regularly uses the Library meeting rooms. As they requested, the money has been used to purchase young people's books on quilting topics, including *Lavender* by Karen Hess, *Leaving Gee's Bend* by Irene Latham, and *All American Quilts* by Biz Storms.

Fairfax Library Foundation Jubilee

Join the Foundation for its largest fundraising



event, *A Library Jubilee! Celebrating 75 Years of Fairfax County Public Library Service!*

This evening will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Fairfax County Library and the 20th anniversary of the Fairfax Library Foundation.

The event, which will take place on **October 18, 2014** at the **City of Fairfax Regional Library** from **5:00 – 8:30 PM**, will bring together elected officials, business leaders, and members of the Fairfax community. Attendees will bid in live and silent auctions while enjoying refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and live musical entertainment.

Please pass this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who is interested in the Library, and encourage them to join the Friends! (See page 7)

Ongoing Book Sale is a Summer Hit

The Friends' ongoing book sale is the large rack of books found in the lobby of the Library, plus additional books around the corner near the DVDs and CDs. The proceeds from the sale of these books are divided 50/50 between the Library System and the Oakton Friends and are **growing !!**

In June, sales were \$534 -- the fourth straight month of sales exceeding \$500. In July, sales were **\$655**.

This year, Oakton Friends and the library system have each received nearly \$2,300 from the ongoing book sales.

New at the Ongoing Sale – Look for a shelf of non-fiction books, including military and history subjects.

Book Group Reading Lists

The following book groups meet monthly at Oakton Library and are open to the public. Refer to the calendar on page 6 for meeting dates and times for these book clubs.

Money Matters

Sept. – “The Little Book of Value Investing” by Christopher Browne

Oct. – “The Smartest Portfolio You’ll Ever Own” by Daniel Solin

Nov. – “GDP: A Brief but Affectionate History” by Diane Coyle

Mystery Book Club

Sept. – “How the Light Gets In” by Louise Penny

Oct. – “Baltimore Blues” by Laura Lippman

Nov. – “Roseanna” by Maj Stowall (The first in the Martin Beck series.)

Oakton Book Discussion Group

Sept. – “The Woman Upstairs” by Claire Messud

Oct. – “The Goldfinch” by Donna Tartt

Nov. – “The Calligrapher’s Daughter” by Eugenia Kim

2014 Summer Reading Program at Oakton Library



Jesse & James: Mutts Gone Nuts !



Storytime and Rhyme



American Giants of Science



Reptiles Alive

Fall Calendar

- All events take place at the Oakton Library unless specified.
- Most programs require a reservation. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.
- Note that many events are repeated on multiple dates.
- **One-on-one English conversation** is available by appointment most Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm.
- **Group English conversation** is available most Mondays at 10:30 am.
- All libraries will be **closed** on these dates: Oct. 2, Oct. 13, Nov. 11, and Nov. 27-28.

Wed., Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5 – 10:30 am – **Duplo Read! Build! Play!** **New.** (Age 18-26 months with an adult.) 🍎

Thurs., Sept. 4 – 7:00 pm – **Starlight Storytime**
Bring a cuddly friend; wear PJs. (Preschool)

Fri., Sept. 5 – 7:30 pm – **Mystery of the Hope Diamond** with Dr. Jeffrey Post. A 75th Anniversary event. (Adults). 🍎

Tues., Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18 – 7:00 pm – **Money Matters.** Book discussion focused on personal finance and investing. (See page 4 for the books.)

Wed., Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, Nov. 26 – 10:30 am – **Toddler Tales.** (Age 2-3 with an adult.)

Sat., Sept. 13 – 2:00 pm – **Meet Author Lydia Denworth**, author of *I Can Hear You Whisper: An Intimate Journey through the Science of Sound and Language*, shares the story of her son's hearing loss and cochlear implant at age two. Books available for sale and signing. Co-sponsored by Fall for the Book. (Adults) 🍎

Tues., Oct. 21, Nov. 18 – 7:30 pm – **Board Meeting**, Friends of Oakton Library. (The September meeting will be held off-site.)

Wed., Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 – 10:30 am – **Small Wonders** Short stories for you and your child. (Age 13-23 months with an adult.)

Wed., Sept. 17 at 11:00 am and Fri., Oct. 3 at 3:00 pm **New Voting Equipment Demonstration.**

Wed., Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 – 1:00 pm – **Mystery Book Club** (Adults; See page 4 for the books.)

Thurs., Sept. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 – 7:00 pm – **Oakton Book Discussion** (Adults; See page 4 for the books.)

Tues., Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 – 4:30 pm **Baby Artsplay.** Music, drama and movement. Expect to attend all 5 sessions. (Birth to 3 with an adult.)

Sat., Oct. 4, Nov. 8 – 10:30 am – **Saturday Story Time.** Stories and songs. (Age 2-5)

Thurs., Oct. 9 – 7:00 pm – **A Bailar.** Salsa, cha cha cha, and more. (Preschool, all ages, family.)

Thurs., Oct. 16 to Sat., Oct. 18 – **Used Book Sale** for Friends of Oakton Library. 🍎

Sat., Oct. 18 – 5:00 to 8:30 pm – Fairfax Library Foundation **Jubilee** at City of Fairfax Regional Library. 🍎

Mon., Nov. 3 – 2:30 pm – **Great Books and Great Times – 75 Years at our Library.** Join storyteller Gary Lloyd for a walk through the history of the Fairfax County Public Library over the last 75 years with an emphasis on Oakton. (All ages). 🍎

Mon., Nov. 10 – 7:00 pm – **Eagles in our Neighborhood.** Trish Strat, a Fairfax Master Naturalist, will share her photographs and knowledge of Bald Eagles that she acquired from following a pair of eagles and their two eaglets. (Adult)



Sponsored or co-sponsored by Friends of Oakton Library.

Yes, Count Me as a Friend

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

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New? ____ Membership Renewal? ____

Here's My Annual Membership Donation

\$10 Individual _____

\$25 Family _____

Additional contribution _____

I would like to volunteer

my talents to help the Friends of Oakton Library.

Please check one or more:

- ☐ Book Sales
- ☐ Volunteer at the Library
- ☐ Friends Programs / Special Events
- ☐ Hospitality / Floral Displays
- ☐ Horticulture / Outdoor Habitat
- ☐ Expanding our Membership
- ☐ Occasional Assistance

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